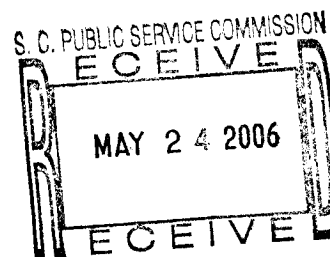




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RE: In the Matter of Application of Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc.  
- Docket No.: 2006-89-G  
Our File No.: 20587.06007

Dear Mr. Melchers:

We are writing to you on behalf of our client Hess Corporation to inform you of Hess's intentions as to participation in any hearing in the above-referenced case. Please note that Hess's participation in this case will be limited to monitoring the matter, and Hess will not be presenting any testimony. Please let us know if you have any questions in regards to these issues.

Yours truly,

Weston Adams, III

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